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DEQ Announces New Appointments

DEQ Secretary Dale Givens announced today that Linda Levy has been appointed by Governor Mike Foster to replace departing Assistant Secretary Bliss Higgins. Ms. Levy is currently the Assistant Secretary of DEQ's Office of Environmental Compliance. In her new role as Assistant Secretary of the Office of Environmental Services, Ms. Levy will be in charge of the Permits and Assistance Divisions. She is a 21-year veteran with the agency.

R. Bruce Hammatt has been appointed as Assistant Secretary of the Office of Environmental Compliance. He will be in charge of the Surveillance and Enforcement Divisions. Mr. Hammatt is currently the Administrator of the Enforcement Division. He is a 24-year veteran with the agency.

"These appointments will allow the agency to continue its service to the public and regulated community without disruption," said Givens. "Ms. Levy's past experience in the area of permits will be extremely valuable and the appointment of Mr. Hammatt will further our commitment to ensuring compliance with environmental regulations."
